These three items of work were being handled by the Planning Commission/ Cabinet Secretariat earlier and the personnel of these two organisations were transferred alongwith the work to this Ministry. Thus additional expenditure incurred by the new Ministry is minimal. Also, viewed in the Context of the cost of these important programmes and projects being monitored, the expenditure is only a very small fraction of the total cost and is fully justified.

By the very process of monitoring the implementation of projects, shortfalls in production against the targets in the nine infrastructure sectors, and importance of the various poverty allevation programme in the length and breadth of the country, on a regular and continuing basis, the Ministry of Programme Implementation provides necessary warning signals to the implementing and supervising agencies to undertake such mid-course corrections as are necessary to achieve pre-determined targets for various projects, programmes and production in the economy.

सीमा पर सुरक्षा को मजबूत किया जाना

2654. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पाकिस्तान की आधुनिक हथियारों से तैयारी और अणु बम बनाने की उसकी क्षमता के संबंध में जानकारी है; यदि हां, तो भारत की सीमा सुरक्षा को सुदृढ़ बनाने के लिए क्या व्यवस्था की गई है ; और

(ख) क्या अमरीका द्वारा पाकिस्तान को हथियार और उपकरणों की सप्लाई और उस देश द्वारा हथियारों को इक्ट्ठा किये जाने को देखते हुए ऐसी व्यवस्था पर्याप्त है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरुण सिंह) : (क) और (ख) सरकार को पाकिस्तान द्वारा अमरीका और उन्य देशों में आधुनिक एवं अत्याधुनिक हथियार प्राप्त करने के बारे में जानकारी है । सरकार को पाकिस्तान के परमाणु कार्यक्रम के अशांतिपूर्ण आयामों की भी चिन्ता है ।

इन सभी गतिविधियों पर सतत नजर रखी जाती है और देश की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए आवश्यक कदम उठाए जाते है ।

Hill areas in Madhya Pradesh

2655. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred uestion 1013 on 5th March, 1987 and state whether no areas have so far been declared as 'hill areas' in Madhya Pradesh and if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): Yes, Sir. A Sub-Committee of the National Development Council on Hill Areas which had finalised the list of hill areas for inclusion in the Hill Area Development Programme in 1965 did not identify any area of Madhya Pradesh for inclusion. The report of the expert group on delineation of new hill areas is being processed.

Loans sanctioned under self employment scheme

2656. SHR AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of loan applications received by various banks under the self-employment scheme introduced recently for the urban poor in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of such applications which have been sanctioned and the total amount sanctioned;

(c) what is the total estimated number of urban poor in Madhya Pradesh; and